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IMPORTANT NEWS :
SUFOG MEETINGS HAVE NOW
CHANGED TO EVERY THIRD
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

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SUFOG OPEN DAY 2.11.02 CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT.

Please note the above as this comes into effect as of the November meeting. This has happened purely on my behalf, as I am studying A level History at night school on a Thursday night. It was thought that I should still attend the meetings and so we changed it to the most suitable day of the week for those at the September meeting. I hope that more people will be able to attend our meetings, but we shall see.

Where do I start... well, of course. Leeds 2002... what a fantastic weekend both Steve Rider and I

had. We spoke to an audience of around 500 people on the Friday night and showed some excellent UFO footage. Meeting Stanton Friedman and Dr. Roger Leir has completed my list of meeting those researchers that are the faces of UFOlogy. Next year the venue is moving to another location within Leeds and hopefully, Steve Rider and I will be attending, but we shall see.

Over the past month or so, another 2 groups have sadly gone into retirement. Is this the picture of UFOlogy and the way ahead. I

hope it is not, as the small groups are the grass roots of UFOlogy, and without the grass roots, UFOlogy will not survive. UFOlogy must and will survive and it is small groups such as us that have to survive. I see 2003 being a difficult year for the group, but, with members help, I feel that we can also survive for another 10 years.

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TIME FOR A CHANGE CONTINUES

The struggles of a small UFO group

It was in October of 1991 that a resident of Southampton was pondering the idea of setting up a local UFO group. Just a few weeks later that dream would be realised and the Southampton UFO Group was formed. However, what did not occur to that person at that time were the trials and tribulations he would go through and the blood, sweat and tears that he would put into that group just to keep it a float. That man was Steve Gerrard, the founder of the Southampton UFO Group.

I joined SUFOG approximately three years after it's formation. I had contacted Steve as research for my role as the head of the UFO section of a separate paranormal research group. This group alas had problems and several left, including myself, to form our own group. Although we were successful for a time personal problems caused the group to lose touch and so I became a full-time member of SUFOG and now, I am proud to say, I have become its secretary. I will also be honest and say that I am amazed at the way things have developed in and around the group in the last few years.

I have to sit back and wonder if all groups experience what we have done, or if it is just a few. To be honest I am not sure, but I have a feeling that most groups probably encounter problems like we have at some stage. So where can I start? Well I have written on this subject for the SUFOG newsletter before, but never quite like this.

At the beginning the group only met at peoples houses, but when I joined it was meeting at a small café in Netley and there was always a packed room with little seating left by the time the meeting began. Over the years, however, that has changed. The group

still meets in Netley, at the local CIU club on the third Thursday of each month, but now numbers vary between five and fifteen. A far cry from the days when it was hard to find a seat at the packed meetings!

So what has changed? Where have all the people gone?

I feel that it is a combination of different things that has caused the numbers to dwindle. People work different hours these days and often have to work overtime out of necessity. Although there is still much going on in the UFO community to keep people interested, there is still that air of 'weirdness' about it that puts off some people into attending a meeting. I also feel that some of those people simply can no longer be bothered to attend.

Membership of the group has still been surprisingly good, although not all of those members live in the area. What would be nice is to see all of those group members who live in the area to attend the meetings, or at least attend a once a year AGM. It would be a testament to people's commitment to the group to all get together once a year to discuss the most recent events in UFOlogy.

Getting everyone together is not an easy task?

It was decided by Steve Gerrard and others, that SUFOG would conduct a series of Sunday lectures, to attract members and give them the chance to hear some of the latest developments in the field by those researchers involved. However not all would go according to plan? The first few went very well. The lectures by Roy Lake, Matthew Williams and Malcolm Robinson were well attended. However, things would

not stay that way and the attendances began to fall until not one person turned up for a lecture by SUFOG's own Ernie Sears.

So it was decided to try something different and in October 1999, SUFOG held a one-day conference. Although it was reasonably well attended there was not enough to fill the auditorium, even though the group had brought in the respected researchers Graham Birdsall, Russel Callaghan, Lionel Beer and Malcolm Robinson. However, having said that, a good time was had by all.

In October 2000 SUFOG again went for a different approach, an open day. To speak on the day would be Steve Gerrard, Ernie Sears and Christopher Martin (Chris has been videoing spheres over London for some time and has authored a book titled 'Intruders in the Night'). This was a chance for people to meet the group and see what we get up to and listen to the personal account of Chris's experiences. I will not dwell on this except to say that eighteen people turned up on the day. The local radio chose to publicise it on the day, but even that did not work and it was a dismal turn out.

2001 saw the group's tenth anniversary, so we saw an opportunity to go for broke. We were busy with lectures, including one to BUFORA and a visit to the Quest International 20th UFO conference (second year running). We knew that we needed to something special to celebrate our 10th Anniversary. So we planned another one day conference/open day, but at a slightly cheaper venue. We also planned a superb line up of speakers in Chris Martin, Malcolm Robinson and to headline Mr. Timothy Good. By the time the day came around we were on a high. The publicity had gone well and we had just come back from the Leeds conference where

Steve had had a 10 minute slot to talk about the group and we had been invited back for 2002 to present a lecture.

It was a sunny day and we hoped everything was going to go well? Not quite? Due to a mix up Chris Martin was not going to arrive to do his talk, so what could we do? Steve Gerrard turned to me and said, "Do you want your five minutes of fame?" So I covered the first 30 mins showing SUFOG footage. I then passed over to our volunteer for 30 mins Stuart wisdom, who did an excellent job for his first time. The rest of the day went perfectly (not counting my poor job of displaying Tim Goods slides!). We had finally succeeded, but at what price? We now knew that we needed a big name in order for our open day's to be a success. However, the evening's celebrations went very well and on into the night, but it had been well worth it and we deserved it.

So, is all there is to the history of this small, but dedicated group? Oh No! Far from it, there is much more to tell...

Over the years SUFOG members have been involved in many TV productions, radio programs and so on, including the local newspapers. Are there any memorable ones? Absolutely!

From my point of view the memorable ones are like that we recently filmed for Southern Ways, BBC South. On this occasion the film crew spent some six or so hours filming with Steve, at his home, and with the group up at Cheesefoot Head, for a segment that lasted no more that 3-4 minutes. Then, they got the groups name wrong and showed a piece of footage of myself looking though my camcorder with the shutter closed, D'OH! I don't think we'll even mention

the filming of the Three Minutes segment a couple of years back? I would have to censor it too much!

I have also been on Channel 4's The Big Breakfast, but that was to do a brief segment on the Totton College UFOlogy Course, I will address the course at length shortly.

So what has been some of the lows for the group? Well, apart from the fall in support and the amount of work increasingly heaped on those few shoulders, the group has done OK and it appears to be picking up with the recent up surge in media interest. However, if there is one thing that has frustrated us over the years it is the times that we have been overlooked as research group? There have been many reports in our area that have never reached us, but have been published elsewhere. In essence we do not have a problem with this, if only those receiving those reports would pass on the details to us so that we could initiate our own investigation at the source. Can I give any examples without upsetting anyone? This is difficult! I will cite the case I have recently written about at length in "Time for Change", that of Bedhampton.

Those of you who have read the first piece I wrote will note how we first became aware of what was going on. Since that time things in the Bedhampton case have escalated somewhat. Much more footage has been shot by the witness, Mr Woods, all of which has gone exclusively to Mexican researcher Santiago Yturria, well all except one piece that has allegedly been brought by the Sci-Fi channel and shows alleged alien creatures? SUFOG has made pains to get in touch with the witness and researcher involved, particularly since Graham Birdsall recently expressed the need to see serious UK research of the case, up to now though our attempts have failed. SUFOG is in a prime location to research this case, being as it is

only a short drive from where we are situated. In fact we have our own footage filmed from Portsdown Hill, where Mr Woods has filmed some of his footage. In fact I have some reservations as to exactly where Mr. Woods lives in relation to Bedhampton. It may be true that he lives closer to Portsmouth than to the town of Bedhampton, but this is just speculation.

I am sure you can see that with SUFOG so close to scene of these encounters to be left out quite frustrating for a UFO research group.

Now let me turn my attention to one thing that I have become rather passionate about in recent months, OCN UFOlogy at Totton College. What I am now going to present to you is the complete history of things that have happened and speculate as to what the future holds.

Back in around 1996 I attended a three-week course at Totton College on UFO's. I was impressed and offered the tutor, Craig Roberts, my assistance should he ever wish to take the course further. Approximately one year later, together with Ashley Bennette and Craig, I help to set up and run a ten-week course at Totton. Part of this course involved Steve Gerrard and Ernie Sears attending to speak to the students. This course went so well that Craig put forward the idea of designing a course to be accredited by the Open College Network, an independent body who accredit college courses. So in 1997, Craig and I sat on the accreditation board, along with Steve Gerrard, who was to moderate for the course. It was a success and we were given accreditation on three units for

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five years. We decided we could go further and put forward another three units for accreditation the next year, these got through also. At this point the hardest thing was the research and writing of course handouts and I often sat up until the early hours at my word processor getting things prepared to my liking.

So everything was going fine, I was even enjoying teaching. The course was even offered on distance learning through Totton college's own distance learning facility. In fact things went so well that the students' wanted to set up their own research group to somewhere to use their new skills once they had finished the UFOlogy course. The group was called TRUTH, Totton Researchers in UFOlogy Theory and History. As a follow on from TRUTH, it was decided to set up a newsletter for the group, but no ordinary newsletter. It was to be a peer reviewed journal to allow TRUTH members and affiliated groups to have written pieces published.

Unfortunately, I feel that this is the time things began to change for me within TRUTH and the Totton college course.

Being a founder member of the course I had expected (this was probably the worst thing I could do) to be a part of the review board. Big Mistake! I went to college one night to find Craig with the first edition of EUFOAS (European Journal of UFO and Abduction Studies), he directed me to the inside of the front cover where all the people involved were listed. I found myself under Associated Reviewer, a very lowly position with no credit to the groups I belonged to. My reaction to this, which I have told very few, was one anger initially. I felt that I had been kicked in the stomach, as someone who had done so much I was rewarded with nothing except a position that, I am sure, was felt had to be given to me, there was no credit for anything I had done.

Yes I was angry and upset. In all the promotion I have done for the course at anytime, I have always given equal credit to the three of us that

originally set everything up. I just feel that I have to do this as I can take nothing away from the others involved and they deserve their credit.

You may ask why I am writing so vehement on this subject? Simple, all I ask is that I am given the credit and respect I deserve for my part in the course. I would like that respect to be given by the person who has taken over the sole running of the course with out so much as a phone call to me to ask if would like to help or update me on how things are going.

I really do not know what I could have done to deserve this treatment? The only thing that I have had to do was in 2000. Due to home and work commitments I was finding it hard to get to college and teach. This got to a point where I felt that I had to do something. So I contacted Craig, OCN and the course moderator, via email to explain that I felt I needed a break from teaching, as I was just unable to continue at that time. I also indicated that I hoped I could return at a future time when things settled down. It was a decision that I regretted and that I really had little control over. It saddened me that I would no longer be able to teach the course, but I wanted to keep up my work on the course in other ways. I also feel that it was at this time that I was completely omitted from anything to do with the course, TRUTH and EJUFOAS.

So, what happens now? TRUTH as a group is no longer functioning from what I am aware of. The course its self is due for review soon and EJUFOAS is still going, however it is minus its associate reviewer who was taken of the list without even being consulted?

So, what is going on in Totton? I really do not know, but I now leave this section with a heavy heart, having written on a subject that has meant so much to me. Only time will tell on how things will progress. Oh! Yes! Before you ask? SUFOG does have another connection with the Totton college course? Steve Gerrard is the course moderator.

As I write this I am aware that things within SUFOG are not as rosy as they could be. The attendance at meetings is set to fall again, perhaps we will be reduced to meeting in peoples front rooms again soon, and also our relationships with certain individuals has been jeopardised on a couple of occasions due to over-zealousness and lack of thought only for Steve G. to be caught in the firing line. Steve has enough to deal with away from the group without having to eat humble pie because someone has gone off half-cocked!

We need to ensure the survival of this small, but dedicated group of like-minded friends. There have been many groups who have come and gone during the life of SUFOG.

Let us try and ensure that the next ten years are as successful as the previous ten. Whatever happens I know one thing? There will always be two people in Southampton proud to sport the SUFOG name. Something not all group members can say they have.

One thought. If a group members contacts a large organisation to promote their photo of a UFO and does not promote the group what does that say for their respect for that group?

Southampton UFO Group has been involved in a lot of things and has not always been given the credit it deserves. However, not everything is bad. There is the possibility that we may be opening a division of SUFOG on the Isle of Wight in the near future, discussions on this are on

going. It is time to change that. Leeds 2002, could be the turning point?

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SUFOG Sec. 2002.

15th September filming again..

I was approached by a London film company and asked if we could help with a program on UK Horizons to be screened in November 2002. Why not I thought and started the ball rolling. From the outset the researcher was getting right. Pissing me off, but hey, I am a reasonable man.. So, we arranged to meet at Ernie Sears pad at around 2 p.m. on the Saturday and Steve Rider would meet us at the outside shoot area. I received a phone call to make it earlier, but I was unable to comply. Also, they had taken Ernie out to lunch... Funny, they never asked me, even although I had arranged everything.. Oh well, the Editor gets shafted yet again.

They filmed me for around 30 minutes and we then packed our bags and went to the outside shoot. We met Steve Rider there and after about 2hrs we packed up our bags for tea. I went back to Ernie's for tea and finally, we all met up again at around 7.30 p.m. to do a bit of night shooting. Steve Rider managed to make it again for the evening shoot and we filmed to about 9 p.m. and finally, I went back to Steve Riders place for a bit of a D-Brief.

Since then, I have had phone calls at home and work wanting the original taped footage. But, I have told them no, after a copy of the footage, after being posted to them has been lost. I await more phone calls and e-mails to try and get the footage off of me. This has been the worst company that I have done any filming for (Due to the constant phone calls at work and home and the e-mails) and it has put me off doing any more in the future. They always seem to want more and more, and as they promised to pay for the lost tape/postage and make a small donation to the group, what have they given us, bugger all.

Look out for UK Horizons in November for this 10 part series (Sorry, title not known) that also features Alan Godfrey and other UFO researchers..

Steve Gerrard (Editor)

UFO REPORTS 7th - 10th September 2002.

The information supplied by Public Relations Officer Ernie Sears. Some of these reports followed a letter in the Southampton Evening Echo 13 September 2002.

7th September 2002 : 9.40 p.m. : Lordshill, Southampton.

Two witnesses saw a hovering light caught the witnesses eye.. Disc shaped, carrying bright lights, two at the front and one at the rear, all white, but surrounded by a blue haze. The object 'Shot' off towards Eastleigh at a speed the witness said he that had NEVER ever seen an aircraft go at.

7th September 2002 a Bishopstoke resident saw a very fast moving object, spherical and glowing a bright copper color heading towards Winchester at around 8.15 p.m. too fast to be a shooting star and witnessed by a second person as it 'swept upwards' away.

7th September 2002 a Totton lady, around midnight, saw a bright 'Double disc' or like two slim cigar shapes carrying white lights and hovered for 30 minutes before it took off like a shot from a gun.

8th September 2002 Romsey in Hampshire a lady opened her window at around 9.35 p.m. and observed an oval object carrying three white lights at the front and one at the rear. Going at the speed of a small aircraft, quite high and vanished towards Southampton.

10th September 2002 at approx. 9.30 p.m. Bitterne Park, Southampton, witnesses 'enveloped' by a glowing white light, not bright and they couldn't move. They felt detached from each other. They regained normality of a disturbing kind. One witness still terrified days afterwards. They thought the whole incident lasted seconds, but they arrived home an hour late.

10th September 2002 10.30 p.m. over Southampton, a bright white light hanging in the sky and seen for 30 minutes. Lights on it changed red, green, white and very high. She went to bed and had the best nights sleep she had ever had and felt 'wonderful' the next day.

**Investigations are still current as of the
6TH October 2002.**

Video Tape Sale.

I have the following video tapes for sale. All prices include postage and packaging and will not be offered for sale again through the newsletter and will only be available again at our Open Day in November.

Southampton UFO Group 10th Birthday Video Tape : Steve Rider, Stuart Wisdom and Malcolm Robinson. Approx. 120 Mins. **£ 8.00 (only 6 copies available)**

Hooked on Hobbies (Filmed for Cable TV and never shown - rare). Southampton UFO Group UFO footage and UFO footage taken by Stuart Wisdom **Only 11 copies available.** Approx. 120 Mins. **£ 10.00**

Southampton UFO Groups 1999 conference. 2 video set includes. Malcolm Robinson, Graham Birdsall and Russel Callaghan. 6 hrs of video. **£ 12.00 (5 sets only)**

Please note, that I have only 1 of each of the 3 video sets for sale, so first come, first served.

3 video set :

Matthew Williams SUFOG lecture 1998

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Crop Circle lecture tape : Busty Taylor , Ron West & Paul Vigay..

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OZ Encounters (Australian UFO Programs)

Matthew Williams SUFOG lecture 1998

Crop Circle lecture tape : Ron West, Paul Vigay and Busty Taylor.

£ 12.00

All videos come in clear plastic file cases and with video sleeves. So remember, order them from the editorial address and that I only have a very limited supply.

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SUFOG DIARY - 2002/2003..

Please remember that our group meetings are now on the third Wednesday of each month.

November 20th : Group Meeting :
Video Evening (**£3.00**)

December 18th : Group Meeting :
Xmas Party.

(Bring Nibbles along to share)

1 hr lecture or Video

(8 p.m.- 9 p.m.)

Open Discussion

Meeting dates for 2003

January 15th 2003 :
Video evening (£3)

February 19th 2003 :
(Open Discussion)

March 19th 2003 :
Speaker (TBC)

April 16th 2003 :
Video Evening (£3)

May 14th 2003 :
Open discussion

June 20th 2003 :
Video Evening (£3)

Please contact the Editor before the above dates to confirm that the meeting is still going ahead. You never know, we may have to cancel a meeting at the very last moment.

Mt Adams USA) Sighting by group member
Bill Coones. 1st September 2002.

Hello: This is my first report of the UFO sighting for Bill and Ferne. We were staying at James Gillilands Sattva Sanctuary over the Labor Day weekend as we frequently do to skywatch near the base of Mt Adams in Trout Lake Washington USA. Steven Greers group (Disclosure Project) was there on their first night of skywatching during their week long stay in the area for their paid conference. I understand that he was not there at the time and was to arrive a few days later. Ferne and I were set up approximately 150 yards east of the Greer group for our skywatch along the driveway from the main road into the house. We saw several moving lights that evening and several lights (earth lights) on Mt Adams as we frequently see there on the southeast side. A few minutes after 11pm Sunday Sept 1 we heard several people in the Greer group to our left shouting in an excited fashion for several seconds. Wondering what the shouting was about we both searched the sky to see what they were looking at. Ferne saw it first and it was a triangle. The form was an uneven elongated triangle, one of the trailing lights was ahead of its counterpart. The brightness was dim but was readily discernable as moving together in formation. I hastily got out my camcorder and tried to video the object. It could see it in my camera. After a few seconds it made banking turn and headed back the same direction that it came from. In approximately three seconds after it had made the turn all three lights faded out together. Throughout the whole sighting the three lights stayed in formation and kept the same brilliance. This is approximately what it looked like.

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X leading side

X

It was headed from north to south and after the turn it headed back the way it came and rapidly went out. The weather was clear and there are no streetlights in the area. The milky way was readily visible. There was no moon. I think that everyone who was outside skywatching saw the object or formation, over 15 people. There was no object visible within the lights as they were not markers. There was no sound, or visible trails from it.

Its size was about half a hand at arms length. We were facing north when we saw it and it was directly overhead. There were no obstructions and we had an excellent view.

This is the best sighting I have had to date. I must note that we saw a triangle last September (2001) at the same location. I have not talked about this sighting to any of the other guests in the other group. I did tell James and Shaun what we saw. If anyone wants a detailed report, I am willing to fill out a form or do an interview. Ferne will also.

Bill Coones September 3 2002

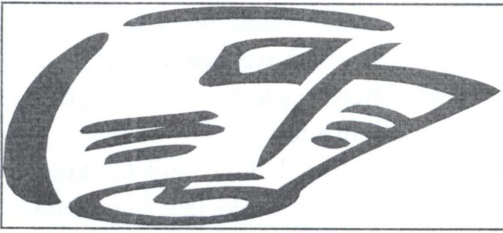
Date: Wednesday, 2 October 2002

I wish to thank you for agreeing to speak at our 21st Leeds International UFO Conference and for making it such a memorable weekend - not just for everyone here at UFO Magazine, but the vast, vast majority of the audience.

Russel is currently in the midst of moving house and that is taking up much of his time at the moment. When he finally gets round to discarding his paint brush, a video-tape of your lecture will be dispatched together with a striking certificate (ideal for frame-mounting).

The feedback I have since received from ordinary members of the public and researchers alike has been overwhelmingly positive. Their only complaint is that they now have to wait 12 months before we can repeat the exercise! Over the course of a few days you not only put a lot of smiles on the faces of complete strangers, but went out of your way to engage them in meaningful conversation. I can't begin to describe or put a measure on how much this meant to them. All of you left a marked impression because you all had something significant to say or show that will forever be etched in people's memories. That is no mean achievement, and I thank you for taking time out of your lives to make it possible. I sincerely trust that your visit to Leeds will have left indelible memories also. On Sunday evening, when most of you attended our little get-together at the Crown Plaza, I called for a toast to 'friendship'. Although thousands of miles now separate most of us, my hope is that old and new-found friendships will endure.

Graham W. Birdsall



NEWSPAPER REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

Not a lot this issue... distinct shortage of UFO items although Mel Gibson's alleged blockbuster film "SIGNS" got plenty of pre-publicity in the nations Press. More on that elsewhere.

NEWS OF THE WORLD for September 1st set the scene of that abortive pursuit by a police helicopter over Brighton with it's 'Cop chase UFO' headline. Estimated speed of object 'HIGH'... outran helicopter after a three minute chase. Wasn't until you read the last words that you discovered the incident happened a year ago! So... you might ask, how come the delay? Seems one police pilot has since retired and was able to break the story. Incident heavily featured... actual film... in the media and on TV before it died the death. Not before "experts" broadcast "solutions", taking in a 'Chinese lantern' in one case!

September 1st also saw a veritable flood of publicity in the News Of the World, followed by, on into the 9th of the month, by Weekend Mail, Daily Mirror, Daily Telegraph and probably many others that I never saw in the rush to repeat the alleged umpteen million dollar "SIGNS" profits!... Quotes from Mel Gibson in some of the foregoing included : 'God?... there'd better be something out there greater than me' or 'we're in trouble' and 'sure I believe in the paranormal, there's a lot of weird stuff happened to me' etc etc. Reviews mixed... from 'boring' to 'excitingly weird', and, from the Telegraph art critic,

'cheerless and filled with gloopy spirituality'. Lorna and I saw it and were kept waiting for excitement that never happened... also a dearth of crop circles and nasty aliens which isn't strictly true! Shot in the standard X-Files format of dimly seen and dimly lit scenes.

DAILY EXPRESS of September 7th posed a "why?" question with a full page advert fro a Matalan washable suit! Missed by some I showed it to was the connection with the word "unbelievable" against a rural background and tucked away in the top corner a UFO which one recognised from the Warminster era!

DAILY TELEGRAPH ran the selfsame advert on it's huge broadsheet as did, probably, other UK media... and all left the question... why now?... is it another bit of "educating" Joe Public?... or just plain commercialism? Odd that it is ONLY as I leafed through my copies NOW that the 7th of September heading of all that reminded me of those FOUR sightings over and around Southampton on that very same day... followed by a handful of others in the ensuing week... see elsewhere. Odd? "Coincidence?"

DAILY MAIL of the 16th September ran an almost full paper on that boringly controversial Moon landing... did they or didn't they? With it's big "Moonshine" heading and calling the accusations of a hoaxed landing 'laughable if so many people didn't believe it'. The article is heavily loaded with total denials by astronauts. As far as one affirms, he 'went to the moon and that's it'.

DAILY TELEGRAPH of the 18th September had a small item... others played it bigger... of the 100th "new World" being discovered. It is 100 light years from Earth and marks a milestone, it says, 'in the quest to find earth-like objects that could teem with alien life'. Announced at an Austrian conference on The Origin Of Life and discovered by an Australian New South Wales 3.9 million telescope.

DAIL MAIL dated 19th September does an almost full page on that perrenial and argumentative subject "The Great out-of- Body experience myth" as it labels it. Writer James Chapman... I had his book way back in the seventies on "Flying Saucers Over England"... says Swiss Scientists may have uncovered a "quirk of the brain" rather than "anything paranormal". Using electrodes they stimulated out of body experiences, repeatedly. Hmmm. I don't doubt this. My own 1933 OOBE arrived while having been quite ill... although the Swiss scientists who did this experiment on themselves didn't "go through doors" etc as I did... while the doors were shut!

DAILY TELEGRAPH ... 19th September, ran a bigger piece on the discovery of that 100th planet and water on three distant planets that are "gaseous" and huge and invisible but for their causing a "wobble to parent planets" that alerted Italian astronomers.

SCOTTISH DAILY RECORD... for September 19th... kindly put inside one of my daily papers by my friendly UFO orientated newsagent Richard... had "Magic Circle" headlining MORE claims by a "TEAM" of crop formation hoaxers who were paid 5000 by Channel Four TV to hoax a design incorporating the struggling TV par Richard and Judy which appeared in the media. The article claims Circle-makers of London as they call themselves, have done 'every other mystery appearance' but when one reads the small print there is no such statement, only that all the big circles have been done by them. Calling their covert work 'art with mass participation' the Richard and Judy faces took six hours, with 'just boards' to complete, and had the OK by the farmer... who also got paid. No doubt Busty Taylor and Lucy Pringle could destroy such grandiose claims!

DAILY MAIL for September 20th had a central double-page fully illustrated and with huge headlines on the Afterlife.. Or Pure Hokum. Knocking that "quirk of the brain" suggestions on the head... literally... the Mail printed several stories from people who had actually experienced OOB's. Let their by-lines speak for themselves : 'I was taken to the edge of the universe and back again'... and : 'I was surrounded by all the members of my family who had passed away', and : 'being embraced by a presence I call the Being of Light'. And son on....

DAILY EXPRESS of 27th carried this theme on with a two pager on well-known medium Colin Fry who had an Express reporter Sally Eyden interviewing him with, she admits, initial part scepticism becoming stunned belief, hearing Colin relate very personal... even humorous... incidents concerning deceased relatives of Sally's. Colin appears on 6th Sence (As spelt!) 1.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. weekdays on Living TV... the program under discussion as to whether it might offend the watershed as being "occult" or serious discussion etc. Since "fundamentalist Christians" and the likes have already expressed their belief that Colin works for Old Nick (excuse my laughter) even though the program draws big numbers and even though a Church Commission... pre war but kept secret until after the war!... examined the evidence of "spiritualism" and concluded it was totally in order.

DAILY MAIL and **DAILY STAR...** and probably other publications... did a wonderful job on October 4th... even as I write this!... with photos of the Kent UFO taken three months ago and it's remarkable... to some!... similarity to the famous McMinville, USA, sighting in 1950 and in Rouen, France, in 1964. Graham Birdsall's opinion was sought on this latest evidential shot and said 'if it was genuine, it would be historically important'. Time will tell... two faintly discernable lines leading to the "tower" atop the craft revealed by certain filter techniques may be image grain, natural quirks, or a hoax.

I'm intrigued as it isn't too long ago I told Steve G in one of his "gloomy" predictions that there would be an upsurge in sightings and sighting reports in the run p to SUFOG's Open Day November 2nd! Much else under the paranormal umbrella is also going on!

This may NOT be "The END" but will do for now! Any subsequent or stop press items notwithstanding!



MAGAZINE REVIEWS
BY ERNIE SEARS.

UFO MAGAZINE has two "bumper" issues to hand... September and October... both have impact in their two different ways... and, yeah!... "THE TRUTH IS COMING" as the glossy cover tells us! The September issue also tells us that "The End Of The World As We Know It"... I don't wish to know that. Much more interesting is the "Police Officers Who Observe UFO's"... written by DC. Gary Heseltine from "information received"... loads of detailed encounters from fellow officers over 8 pages! Enough evidence to hang all sceptics! Bets selling author Nick Redfern, now domiciled in the USA, takes us on a tour of modern day Roswell. Nick Pope gives us

the low down on Crop Circle history and much more over 5 pages. Russian cosmonauts and senior military men speak out on the reality of UFO's. Add Rendlesham, British encounters, that 1990 Tornado incident, new data, and much more, Not forgetting the spotlight on our own SUFOG and it's members and eleven years of its history!

October and UFO Magazine repeated its expertise with some very interesting stuff... I was quite intrigued by the interview with Seth Shostic of the astro. Based S.E.T.I... especially his attitude to UFO's which he was eventually quizzed about by Graham Birdsall! Letter to Graham on that. Splendid item by Lucy Pringle and her 30 odd photos of crop formations and opinions and theories. A lady who's been "in it" almost as long as I have and who is very conversant with the "spiritual" side and sticks to her guns. That Tonbridge, Kent, UFO photo as revealed in the Press... see cuttings. Oodles of British sightings and encounters. War-time Fighter Command chief Lord Hugh Dowding's newly discovered notes... not widely known he was also a spiritualist. His superiors kept that very quiet! Big article on the Brazilian's First International UFO Congress which Graham Birdsall spoke at shows how advanced that country is on openness about the phenomena. Says much that a top Brazilian airline part sponsored the four day event! Get your DOUBLE issue of UFO Magazine for November/December on sale at £3.50 special price, end of October. Back to normal £2.50 in January at the better newsagents or subs.

OVNI. July/August issue from Derbyshire's Omar Fowler is as ever a good read... those Flying Triangles (FT's) are being reported in more locations and with more frequency than is generally realised to quote Omar. Such reports take up the first page... two good ones from Melbourne, Derbyshire, descriptions backed by witnesses drawings. Bonsall of 2001 fame again sees a UFO as a hazy yellow slow moving light in March this year. Bright glittering "golden" object near Buxton June this year. Another Belgium triangle "flap" going back to 2001 gets a space in OVNI. George Filer's Files has USA reports for June this year. A strange Dutch cornfield formation reported in June this year. Melbourne in the news again with a Derbyshire driver being followed by an unidentified object in 1992 included a Kodak employees story about a 'room full of such photos' as the car driver reported seeing. Graham Birdsall UFO Magazine Editor and colleague Russel Callaghan held a public meeting mainly for Bonsall

residents to put the record straight. Omar Fowler also spoke at the meeting, held on the 26th June. BBC Radio Derby covered the meeting and issued a written report on it's web-page. OVNI is the Journal of the Phenomenon Research Association and is £1 a copy, bi-monthly, from 94 The Circle, Sinfín, Drby, DE24 9H.

BUFORA JOURNAL... Norman Oliver's New BUFORA Journal arrived during September... better late than never, two more planned to catch up with long delays this year. Good to see Norman's editorial allowing for the more esoteric aspects of UFOlogy, such as "channelling" and other psychic matters. Many of us have been working in those wider fields for years without compromising the UFO aspect. My occasional talks always include examples from my experiences. Well produced and printed magazine, includes old encounters, an interesting photo feature, reports, points from the Press, investigations diary, lectures update and visiting subjects etc. Some material needs updating... especially the comment of 'sightings falling'... after all this was the Spring issue! A very long running organisation, BUFORA has long held the post of being first call by the media on incidents. London office for enquiries : BM BUFORA, London, WC1N 3XX.

AWARENESS... The Journal of the Contact International UFO Research... Summer 2002 issue... articles on "rods, spirals, and balls", News in Brief, a third visit to the Public Records Office at Kew by Geoff Amber, Tony Broad and Mike Soper, says security tight, the UFO brochure hadn't been updated since their last 1999 visit. The 1967 and 1971 reports studied under the 30 years rule. New "spiral" photos make interesting reading... suggest Awareness tries Psychic News for latest "spirit" photos! "Mothman" connections with Cornwall phenomenon? "Death of UFOlogy"... a personal view of Un-convention 2002... well, we all know about that one by now! The UFOlogy Phoenix has risen AGAIN! Awareness Magazine printed and published at Po Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon, OX33 1FL. 01869 320989.

AUSTRALIAN UFO BULLETIN of the Victorian UFO Research Society under the

Presidency and Editor Judith Magee is always smartly produced pocket sized magazine which covers many areas apart from Down Under ! Their members include pilots!... understandable since they meet at the Royal Victorian Aero Club. Good advice follows from Paul Norman who writes on the 1950 Washington DC "flap" and the more current sightings in Australia which seem to be more dramatic and profuse than over in the UK and, indeed, other countries. Paul concludes by suggesting we forget the ridicule of the cynical sceptics who haven't studied the UFO subject... my own outlook... for many years and a common fault with such people. Unexplained lights in the sky... up to 30 in number!... are puzzling residents in a Grampian, Victoria, valley. Videos and even the Herald Sun newspaper have been involved in filming these. Reams of video footage are available. Police report sightings... one made two officers jaws drop as it hovered and then shot off near Mildura in May of this year. George Filers Files cover many pages in the magazine... mostly USA based but other countries too. One report on our Avebury says : 'many oval shaped UFO's in the distance after witnesses took photos of the Trusloe prehistoric standing stones... not seen at the tie'. July 2002. Subscription rates available... try V.U.F.O.R.S P.O Box 1043, Moorabbin, Victoria, 3189, Australia.

EYE MAGAZINE looked interestingly new when Steve G dropped my supply of magazines in... proved to be such as an old UFO colleague Chris Evers... along with Gary Anthony... produced this, even the address is familiar, 24 Chesnut Avenue, Queens Road, Hull, East Yorkshire. HU5 2RH... and yes, I know, Chesnut is SPELT that way so don't ask! The Eye stands for East Yorkshire Encounters. "Let's get sceptic with the sceptics" is one bit I read! Geoff Richardson wrote it... and good punchy stuff too ! Several pages on "alien intervention" and the 'mind parasites'... a description all too apt? Yeah... 'stage managed' scenarios that remove one set of "thoughts" from the human brain and replaces them with another. You recognise it? That strange feeling that all is not as well as you think! "IS there Life After Death?" by Jenny Randles isn't quit what you think!

Thought not... our Jenny can be quite controversial sometimes! The Death of UFOlogy again rears it's evil head! Sceptics ARE evil! Jenny writes on the BFSB and its alleged demise claimed by the Editor of Fortean Times... well, he would, wouldn't he? Anti climax reigned subsequently. And continues in stronger vein... more sightings, more media coverage, more media coverage, more sightings! Jenny writes much food for thought. Special congressional meetings in place of the biggies? Whatever... and Jenny has said it before, so have I. Se the witnesses... such as that weekend at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology some years ago which resulted in the massive "Alien Discussions" tome which is my Bible of abductions, co-written by a number of UFO luminaries... one of them a PH.d who claims a "standard" abduction to bolster his professional research. OK... enough. EYE Magazine adds a well produced booklet covering a Grimsby UFO flap between March and May 2000 in all it's aspects, maps, accounts, sketches etc. Investigator Chris Evers and Gary Anthony. There you go! End of story ! Unless you know there's more !

BBC Radio Solent 1st October 2002.

On the 11th May, I was asked to appear on Radio Solent, on Curious Questions Answered when people write in and ask questions about anything and everything, and they ask an expert on the program.

I was surprised to get a phone call from the program on October 1st asking if I would do the same thing again. Why not I thought. It was a good way to promote the group and also our open day on the 2nd November. At around 8.15 p.m. the phone went and I was on. The questions as usual ranged from :

When did people first see UFO's... ?

Are people ever hurt by UFO's... ?

Where and when are UFO's most sighted... ?

I enjoy this program as it is short and sweet (15 minutes in total) and lets hope I am invited on again soon.

Steve Gerrard (Editor)

Some interesting E.mails..

Hello

I was just looking for ghost sightings at Netley Abbey and came across your pages. I can't seem to find any updated ghost sightings at the Abbey. The reason I am so interested is that five of us went up there a week or so ago (around 14th September) and four of us saw a light in the Abbey which was not there when we first entered and then my friend and I saw a ghost of a monk preying, of course at first we got scared and started to walk off, but then decided to walk back as it may have been a shadow or our eyes playing tricks on us. So we went back to where we saw the monk and looked again and he was doing the same thing and preying, but yet again we questioned this. Was our eyes playing tricks on us as we went there to something and maybe we imagined this, but as we were questioning this even being there, he bloody acknowledged us by a gesture of his arm and we knew for certain then that he was there. We investigated the light we saw also and it could not have come from anywhere else. We checked the cars driving past and also the houses nearby and none of these could have caused the light we saw, as it was behind at first and then shot over to the abbey wall from the woods.

I was wondering if you have seen anything there, as I have not heard of anyone else telling this tale ! It would be nice to know that we were not alone on seeing this monk. Also I don't think it was blind Peter as he kept looking at us.

I would appreciate a reply if you are not too busy.

With regards

Elizabet.

Hello,

I was wondering if you would be able to explain something that happened to me Easter 2001. We have a caravan in mid Wales, on Easter Sunday. I was awoke by can only say sounded like a child's spinning top but with metal catching on each turn I could not move it felt as if I was outside but knew I was inside the van the lights I can only say where like headlights of a car turning and I knew there was a person standing there well 2 of small to medium build but it was there arms and head in my mind I could see them I was being pulled sideways out well they tried as all I was thinking how dare you try this and saying my mind is

stronger than you think, and no way are you going to take me over and over again, all the time the bone inside my leg had this heat like it was burning so painful but I still could not move not sure how long this went on for but the noise changed it got louder and then started to move slowly away I could hear it going and the sound of the small river well steam came back. I got out of bed and woke my husband as my leg was on fire but you could see nothing this burning feeling went on for over 24 hrs now this is thee bit I don't understand at this time no one was climbing the mountains due to the foot and mouth but the next day I went to seer if I could find anything around outside I looked up and I knew inside so strong that they were on the mountain and I was so mad all I could think about was how dare they put so much fear into me knowing they knew me and if they tried it again they would have one great fight on there hands you see I felt that I was of them and they put fear into me and that's the part that was making me mad. each day and night I went out to see if I could see them this went on for 3 days.

On the Thursday about 2 p.m. I told my husband they had gone I felt them move away within 2 hrs the R.A.F training planes started to fly over. This is the first time I have tried to explain this thing that happened to me its like it was today there was a lot more going on so I given you the bits that you maybe able to help me with but the thing that's so clear is I knew them well.

I'm 49 and married 2 children who works for the local council lives an every day life but this thing that happened then is still playing on my mind I need to no if I was right or was at that point going round the bend...

(Anyone have any ideas ? This is typed exactly as I received it and is jumbled, but still makes reasonable sense. I have no real ideas at present, but it would be useful what the readers think).

Steve Gerrard (Editor)

Enhanced Photo of the Crabwood Crop Circle

Crabwood Farm, nr Winchester, Hampshire,
Reported 15th August 2002

Dear Sirs

I have Enhanced this crop circle photo to show the picture clearer .

This crop circle also animates when the overhead camera angle shot moves (pans) The disc that the Alien is holding up like a lollipop has a spiral design upon it, very much like the spiral Groove found on a Vinyl Record.

The dots and dashes displayed within this Spiral Groove may play a message, a message for who ?

Here's a simple straight forward question :

If aliens wished to contact us (the majority), then why don't they just write in modern English, they would most certainly know our Language by now, or do they !

I believe that these (crop circles) footprints are not designed as a language for mans purpose, even though we may think it is. and try to find the connections with symbols that we recognize.

I've seen many crop circles that look like spiders webs .

Blinded by a crop circles beauty..

I believe that we are trying to interpret a natural geometry created and left behind by a living creature,

We know that natural geometry is all around us, and because we Know alot about geometry we might and many do straight away interpret crop circles as being a communicating language directly to us.

I would say that it was more of a language to those who create the crop circles. Imagine we as humans being the size of ants living in a farmers field, and one day a farmer walks past our nest and leaves his footprint , does that mean that the farmer is trying to leave us a message.

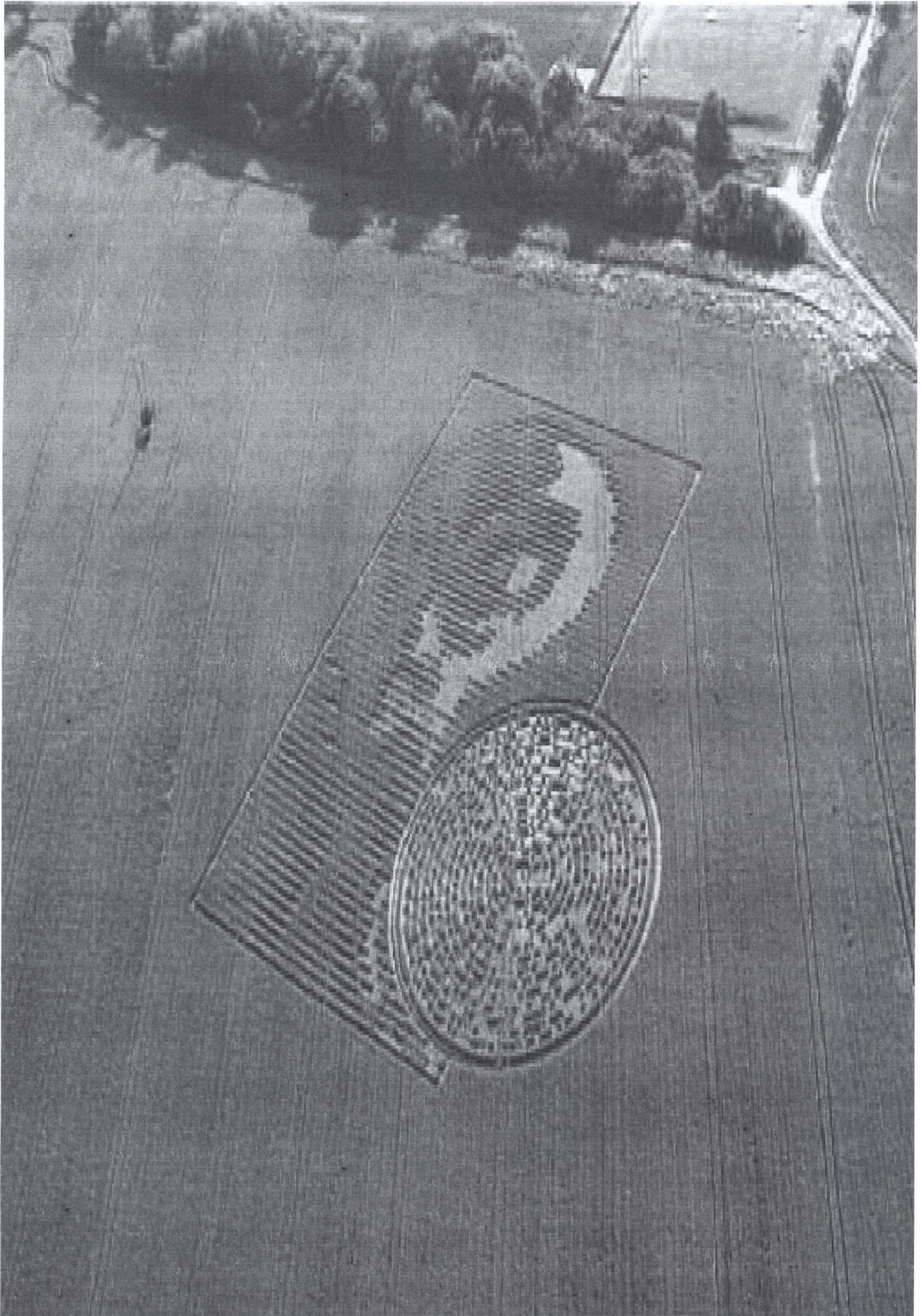
(Are Crop Circles Alien Sign posts for Aliens)

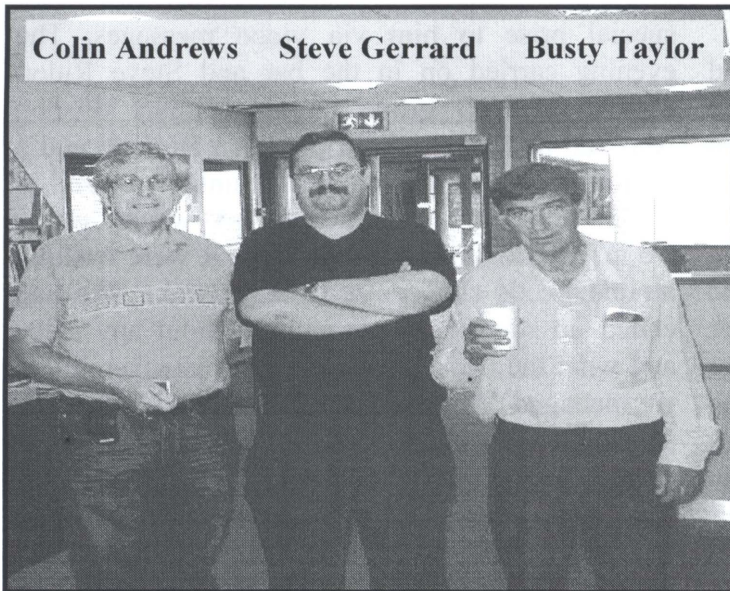
I think so!

Here's another angle of this crop circle, but without image enhancement, the other side of the Aliens face can now be seen, and also its right hand and pointing finger.

Yours Sincerely

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CCCS ANDOVER CONFERENCE
31st AUGUST 2002.
ATT. BY STEVE GERRARD.

As usual yours truly attended yet another conference representing SUFOG on my own I am getting board listening to my own voice when I attend such events, but if I didn't do it, who would. I left home at around 7.30 a.m. with the idea that the day started at 8 a.m. Well, I got that bit wrong. I arrived an hour too early and the doors were locked. So, I spent the next 50 minutes wondering around Andover shopping centre looking in the closed shop windows. I eventually got in around 8.45 a.m. and started to set up. The first speaker started at 9 a.m. and to be honest, there were only around 40 people in the auditorium by now.. I set up, and trade was really slow. So slow, that by 10 a.m. I had decided to leave early as I could not see the day picking up. I was set up next to Lucy Pringle and I at least could look at her aerial photographs on display. There were only 6 stalls ranging from Crop circle sweat shirts, spiritual pictures to the UFO table... I felt really

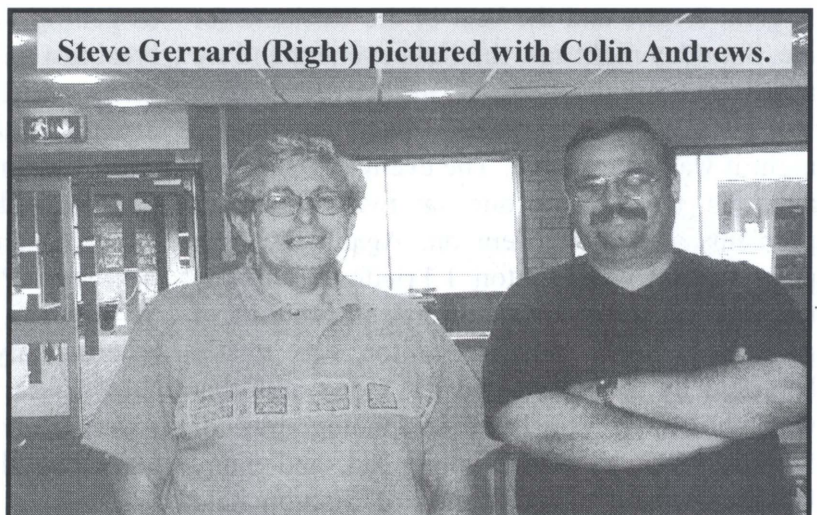
o ofpl e, b hey, do i ve ... I certainly felt like it by 12 a.m. As the day was not due to finish at 9 p.m, it was going to be a long day.

The day was not all bad, as I met up with Lucy Pringle and Paul Vigay. Then, who should appear, but my old friend Matthew Williams. Great to meet up with him no matter what people think of him. I hope to have him come down and give us a talk in the near future. Then as you can see, Colin Andrews made an appearance after

only flying in the night before. It was fascinating to talk to Colin and catch up on what is happening with his research. Of the speakers on the day, I only listened to two of them. Jonathan Downes was there to talk about crop circles in relation to mutilated animals. But he went a bit off the track taking about mutilated wallaby's and other strange mutilation cases. Hold on to your stomachs, because it wasn't nice... Then, there was a change to the speaker line up and Colin Andrews took to the stage. His talk, was straight from the heart and the bottom of his boots. Basically, he said that Circle researchers should stop the bickering, fighting and name calling and they should become one. They should

accept that people like Matthew Williams (Hoaxers in general) play their part in the whole mystery. That researchers should accept it and work together and not fight against them. I could see that Colin was talking with all his heart and I got the feeling that maybe, just maybe, he has had enough and it may be time to call it a day. I don't know... but those were the vibes I got from him; I totally agreed with him, but after nearly 90 minutes, a number of people in the audience were finding it all too much and were falling asleep (At least they didn't snore to loudly !!).

As for SUFOG, well we sold all of £20 worth of merchandise and I was on the road by 7 p.m. after spending nearly 12 hrs of my time sat on my backside for what... Meeting old friends and I loved it for that not for SUFOG....



Leeds Conference 2002.

The Leeds conference had finally arrived, and the last 12 months seemed to have flown by. On the morning of travelling to Leeds, I picked Steve Rider up at 8.30 a.m. in my car and 230 miles and 4 hrs later, we arrived at Leeds. We found the hotel with no problems and booked in to the hotel meeting Graham Birdsall. We had over 6 hrs before our talk, so we chilled out, went for a walk and had a snooze for an hour or so. Then the time had arrived. All dressed up and raring to go, we were picked up in the mini bus along with our box's of video's etc and arrived at the venue around 5.30 p.m.

Things were flying and suddenly we found ourselves at the venue.. Where had the day gone. We set up our table, and suddenly 8.30 p.m. had arrived... our talk.. Poor old Steve was finding the pressure and as we walked to the lectern, 400 people stared down at us. The next hour flew by, and afterwards, I certainly felt that it went well and we were certainly well received and were given a good hand clap when we finished. We crashed out around 11.30 p.m. and we both slept well (I don't think I snored too loudly !!! Did I Steve ...).

The next day saw us get p nice and early and down stairs for our full English breakfast.. Wow! that certainly filled me up for the rest of the day.. This saw Michael Hesemann, Mary Rodwell, Alan Alford (A fantastic look at the new discovery in the Great pyramid of the sealed door and what was found behind it.. And Dr. Tom Van Flandern The last speaker of the day was Stanton Friedman. What a friendly guy. This was made the weekend for me, the great names and the friendly atmosphere. Stanton talked about Roswell and the MJ12 documents. A great lecture and the best of the weekend for me. Saturday night saw the Gala evening and we all arrived smartly dressed and sat down to a wonderful evening. Little did I know how long a night it was going to be. The evening was great, although there were one or two 'technical' problems, the show went on. Again, the high point for me was Stanton T.Friedman winning the lifetime achievement award. It couldn't of gone to a better person. Stanton was totally bemused by the award and the video tape that was shown. It consisted of photographs of Stanton when he was a young lad, and many UFOlogists and many friends of Stanton paid

special prise to him via video messages. The evening carried on in the bar and Steve Rider, myself, SUFOG group member Stuart Wisdon who had also made the trip, Helen Birdsall and a couple of others sat in the bar until it closed at 3 a.m. Suddenly, I looked at my watch it was 5 a.m. and at 7 a.m. me and Steve R were walking around Leeds city centre to stay awake. We had ended up staying up all night without any sleep and what the heck ! We were both knackered and we managed 30 mins sleep in our hotel before we showered and went down for breakfast !!!

Sunday was become a very long sleepless day... Well, that was not quit right... I was not really in a fit state to sit through lectures and spent the majority of the day sat at the SUFOG stall. The one speaker I was determined to see was Dr. Roger Leer. I sat in the lecture theatre and watched some footage of objects being removed from hands, arms and even a game of chase of this 'object' just below the skin... Next thing I remember was the second part of Dr. Leers talk and Gary Heseltine (One of the speakers on the Friday night) elbowing me to wake me up.. Oops sorry Dr. Leer. The second part saw images of an alleged alien being appearing throw a wardrobe.. Strange image.. Strange creature that even left foot prints in talcum powder...

Sunday evening saw a special meal laid on by UFO Magazine for all the speakers. We were presented with a large spread of food and this time, I stayed of the hard stuff and drank orange juice for the night. We all sat and talked and I really enjoyed this atmosphere and it finished the weekend off for me to remember.

We turned in for bed at around half past eleven as by now, my body was willing, but my brain had gone out the back door hours earlier. Monday saw us getting up for yet again another hearty English breakfast and hitting the road at around 9 a.m. We drove straight back home and arrived home around 2 p.m. (I had to stop off for some flowers, as this was the third year I had been to Leeds and the third year I had missed my wedding anniversary !! Graham, can you have the conference a week later next year.. Please !!).

I will not forget this experience and when I receive my certificate for talking at the Conference, it will be proudly shown on my living room (If my wife will let). Thanks UFO Magazine and all involved.

(Steve Gerrard SUFOG Chairman)

Crabwood Farm formation.

I have recently Steve, come across this rock painting it can be found within a cave near Fergana, in Oezbekistan. ... and shows a creature possibly humanoid holding a similar disk to the disc found at Crabwood, this rock



painting is thought to be thousands of Years old. and there are those who believe it to be fake,

Alien Cave

A Key to the Crabwood Crop

Glyph

The above Picture next to the Crabwood Crop Circle, shows a Rock Painting found within a cave near Fergana in Oezbekistan. ... You will notice straight away that both of these Creatures, are holding Brailled Discs, Braille: A system of writing for the blind consisting of raised dots interpreted by Touch.

This alien intervention has more than likely been influencing man since mans History

began, and is possibly the reason why we don't behave as other animals (Mammals) do. I'm being brief here.

You will notice also that there are other objects within the Rock painting , This Ancient cave painting at Fergana in Oezbekistan, could be a key and also a possible location point to those concerned with following up with further research to the Crabwood case.

Yours Sincerely

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SUFOG Open day 2003.

Dear all

I have had a bit of feedback regarding canceling our open day. But, this is not the end of our Open Days. So, what I will be proposing at our next meeting on the 16th October is for us to arrange an Open Day in mid June when I feel we can do the thing more justice. Since I have e.mailed those I can, I have had one or two very interesting replies and it has opened one or two more doors that may prove more beneficial. I do not want to cancel this event, and as we have only sold 3 tickets, with two weeks to go, people may not of been interested because of the speakers we had. Bear in mind in 2001, we had Timothy Good as a speaker, and this brought in the 80 or so people to the event.

So, don't give up on the group as we need your help even more to make this happen. All I can say is, please, if you intend to come to our next event, purchase your tickets as soon as possible, otherwise, the event WILL be cancelled if by the 4 weeks before the event, we have not sold at least 40 - 50 tickets. Please support SUFOG as we need you as much as you need us.

(Steve Gerrard Chairman)

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As I write this newsletter, I had decided to cancel our open day in November. This decision was not taken lightly, and what follows are the reasons why :

Up until the 6th of October 2002, we have sold only 3 tickets. Within the next three weeks we would of had to of sold 60 tickets and hope that a further 20 people turned up on the door.

The group funds are not brilliant (We only have £100 in reserve).

If we do not raise £400 by the 2nd of November, the group would have to find the shortfall and to be honest, the group would be bankrupted. The money would have had to of come from my own pocket and I certainly cannot afford it. Would other group members put their hands in their pockets and chuck £30 or £40 in to save the group from bankruptcy. ?

There has been, up until the 6th October only 1 group member that has purchased a

ticket out of a total membership of 34. And again, if ALL 34 people bought tickets, that would raise £204, and with £100 in reserve, we would still be around £200 short. We would need another 34 people to turn up on the door.

Also, a number of people have said that they will be attending, but I cannot take that as gospel, as this has happened so many times in the past, and people have not turned up. The hall holds over 200 people and if we only had 30 people there, then I would feel sorry for the speakers and SUFOG also be embarrassed. Also, if the press were to turn up and only 30 people were in the hall, then again SUFOG would be humiliated by the press.

I know that this is going to upset a small group of members, and I am sorry if it does. If people feel strongly about this, and they wish to leave SUFOG, then again, that is your prerogative. I have to think of the group and if it means the group folding due to yet another venture falling flat on its face, then the group comes first. If members are not happy with my decision, then all I can say is that I am happy to close the group completely and end it there.

If any group member has paid for posters, advertising, photocopies etc, then the group is more than happy to refund the money.

This edition contains a report on our television interviews and also an update on UFO reports received over the last 6 weeks. This also includes a possible abduct in the heart of Southampton of a couple walking alongside a river. These are being followed up and hopefully a full report will appear in the newsletter at a future date. Also, we take a look at the infamous crop formation at Crabwood Farm, Hampshire of the Alien holding a disc.. Also, there is a look at the CCCS conference that Steve Gerrard attended on behalf of SUFOG.